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LANGUAGE TEACHER SERIES (FRENCH II)

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INTRODUCTION

LANGUAGE TEACHER is a series of menu-driven language tutorials designed to run on microcomputers. Each program in the series contains hundreds of word combinations and verb conjugation forms. FRENCH II features 864 French/English word combinations, and 1600 verb conjugation forms. LANGUAGE TEACHER works with a line printer.

The program randomly selects all word and verb conjugations so you cannot predict the next selection. The program package is designed to provide practice drills to increase your working vocabulary and to increase your facility in using verb conjugation forms. LANGUAGE TEACHER is not designed to enhance conversational language or pronunciation skills.

PROGRAM SPECIFICATIONS

LANGUAGE TEACHER is written in ATARI BASIC and requires at least 32K bytes of RAM, BASIC cartridge, Atari 810 or 1050 disk drive and a suitable black and white or color monitor or television. A joystick connected to controller #1 is optional.

In most cases a high-quality monitor provides the necessary resolution to display the special characters LANGUAGE TEACHER uses. All other program functions will work on a low-quality color monitor. An 80-column line printer is optional.

LOADING THE PROGRAM

Turn on the disk drive's power and wait for the red light to go out. Then insert the LANGUAGE TEACHER diskette into Drive 1. Finally, turn on the power for both the monitor and the computer. The LANGUAGE TEACHER diskette loads automatically. Once the program has been loaded, press <START> (or the FIRE button if you are using a joystick) to enter the program's main menu.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

You get a menu listing these options:

- A—NOUN VOCABULARY DRILL
- B—VERB VOCABULARY DRILL
- C—MISCELLANEOUS WORD VOCABULARY DRILL
- D—RANDOM VOCABULARY DRILL
- E—VERB CONJUGATION DRILL
- F—RETEST MISSED VOCABULARY
- G—DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS
- H—PRINT NOUN VOCABULARY TEST
- I—PRINT VERB VOCABULARY TEST
- J—PRINT MISCELLANEOUS WORD VOCABULARY TEST
- K—PRINT RANDOM VOCABULARY TEST
- L—PRINT VERB CONJUGATION TEST

Use the up and down arrow keys located next to the RETURN key to make your selection. Move the flashing black cursor to the option you wish to select and press <RETURN>. You do NOT have to press the <CTRL> key in order to use the arrow keys. If you are using a joystick, move the cursor with the controller and press the FIRE button to select an option. Throughout the LANGUAGE TEACHER program you select options in this manner.

MENU OPTIONS EXPLAINED

Option A: Noun Vocabulary Drill

This option gives you a vocabulary drill using nouns only. You get this message when you select option A:

Inputting data from disk

This means the program is getting information from the diskette.

After the program has retrieved all the data, you get this message:

WANT MULTIPLE CHOICE?

Y—Yes

N—No

X—Exit

As you did in the main menu, position the flashing black cursor over the option you want using the arrow keys and press <RETURN>.

Selecting X gets you back to the main program menu. Selecting Y gives you a multiple-choice quiz. Selection N gives you a more difficult, single-answer quiz. If you answered Y or N, you get this prompt:

E—English to French

F—French to English

X—Exit to menu

As usual, the X response returns you to the opening program menu. Make the appropriate selection using the arrow keys. You can change the type of quiz you are taking at any point.

The program makes sure no word is given twice during the test. Also, no duplicates appear in the multiple-choice answers. NOTE: The program takes longer as fewer selections remain.

If you indicated no to the multiple-choice quiz, you must type in the exact answer along with the appropriate noun article. In French these articles are:

- l'—singular for nouns beginning with a vowel
- le—masculine singular
- la—feminine singular
- les—masculine plural
- les—feminine plural

You can get out of the drill from here by selecting X. When you have used up all the available noun choices you get this message:

YOU HAVE NO MORE ENGLISH TO FRENCH [or French to English] COMBINATIONS LEFT.

Option B: Verb Vocabulary Drill

The B option works the same way as the A option, except option B uses verbs instead of nouns.

Option C: Miscellaneous Word Vocabulary Drill

This option works the same way as the A and B options, except that only non-noun or non-verb words are displayed.

Option D: Random Vocabulary Drill

This option works the same way as options A, B and C, except that the words from two randomly selected files are displayed. The type of word you are being quizzed on (NOUN, VERB or MISC) appears beside the word you are being quizzed on during the English-to-French option. This feature exists to prevent any confusion caused by two different word types that are the same in English, but different in French.

Option E: Verb Conjugation Drill

This option gives you a verb conjugation drill. The four major tenses of each verb—present, imperfect, future and conditional—are displayed along with the eight persons:

je (I)
tu (you singular)
il (he), elle (she)
nous (we)
vous (you plural)
ils (them), elles (feminine plural of them)

for each tense. It is extremely unlikely that you will get the same example twice in the verb conjugation quiz.

Option F: Retest Missed Vocabulary

This option retests you on any vocabulary you missed. The examples presented are identical to those that appear using the regular options, except that you don't get a display of your percentage of correct answers and your multiple-choice option is the same as it was on your initial program run. (You can't change it.) NOTE: Sorry, but the program can't retest you on your verb conjugation errors.

Option G: Diagnostic Results

This option lets you review your incorrect answers. If your original selection was the verb conjugation drill, the diagnostic display shows you how many of each person and tense you missed. If you missed more than three of any person or tense, triangles appear beside the items you missed. The triangles show you which areas you need more practice in. You also get a display of the total number of verbs you were tested on, the number of items you answered correctly and your final percentage of correct answers.

If your original choice was the vocabulary drill, the diagnostic routine displays all your wrong answers and shows all your misses during the retest option. You also get a display of how many combinations remain in your original option selection or in the retest option (if you used it). This feature exists so you can call the diagnostic routine at any time during primary testing or retesting. NOTE: You can have your results printed on your line printer if you like.

PRINT OPTIONS

You can print multiple-choice tests for these options:

- Option H: Print Noun Vocabulary Test
- Option I: Print Verb Vocabulary Test
- Option J: Print Miscellaneous Word Vocabulary Test
- Option K: Print Random Vocabulary Test
- Option L: Print Verb Conjugation Test

If you try to print something when your printer isn't ready you get an error message. You are then reprompted to make a new selection.

These options can save valuable hours of test preparation for teachers. The printing options take information from the diskette and display multiple choices for each quiz item just as the regular options A through F. The printouts do not give you a display of the correct answers. The program forces a multiple-choice display.

The print options don't prompt for an answer to the item. Instead you choose from these responses:

- P—Print displayed selection
- C—Choose new selection
- X—Exit

NOTE: Choices are not eliminated during the printing options as with the regular options. This feature gives you greater flexibility in choosing items for a printed test.

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